HIS

MAJESTIES LETTER

TO

The STATES GENERAL of the United Provinces, Upon the Death of the QUEEN.

High and Mighty Lords, Our good Friends, Allies and Confederates;

THo' We were Over-whelm'd with Exceſs of Grief for the Unexpected Loſs of Our Royal and moſt Dear Conſort, the Moſt Serene Princeſs, MARY, Queen of *England*, *Scotland France*, and *Ireland*: We could not diſpence with imparting to You this Sad and Afflicting Misfortune. Her Sickneſs, which began the 21ſt of this Month, prov'd to be the Small Pox of the Worſt Sort: All Humane Means were made uſe of towards Her Cure, which God having otherwiſe diſpos'd, prov'd fruitleſs; ſo that upon the 28th in the morning, She ſurrender'd Her Soul to Her Creator, leaving Us that Never-to-be-Defac'd Remembrance of a Wife, who was a Pattern of Vertue and Conjugal Affection. We had ſunk under ſo great an Affliction, had not the Conſideration of an Entire Submiſſion to the Will of God, aſſiſted Us to Support Us. We make no Queſtion but that You are deeply Concern'd in Our ſad Condition, and that You are ſenſibly Afflicted for Our Loſs; as well for that Intereſt You take in whatever Concerns Our Selves, as out of that Eſteem which You have always had for Her Perſon, and Her Great and Excellent Qualities, with which You were particularly acquainted, by thoſe Marks She gave You during Her long Reſidence among You. We take this Opportunity to renew the Aſſurances of Our ſincere Amity and Affection both for You and Your Republick. And ſo, Moſt High and Mighty Lords, Our Good Friends, Allies, and Confederates, We beſeech Almighty God to have You into His Holy and Omnipotent Keeping. From Our Palace of *Kenſington*, Decemb. 30th 1694. and Sixth of Our Reign.

Your Good Friend,

Signed *WILIAM* R.

Upon the Receipt of this Letter, Their High and Mightineſſes have put on Mourning at the Hague, and the Bells are ordered to Toll Three times a day throughout all Holland; That is to ſay, From Six a Clock in the Morning till half an hour paſt Seven; from Eleven till half an hour paſt Twelve; and from half an hour paſt Five in the Evening, till Seven.

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